



Fine Lilies and Lilacs

STRAWBERRY HILL NURSERY

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A Planting of the Terrace City Hybrids (Dr. Norma E. Pfeiffer's martagon x hansonii crosses) at STRAWBERRY HILL

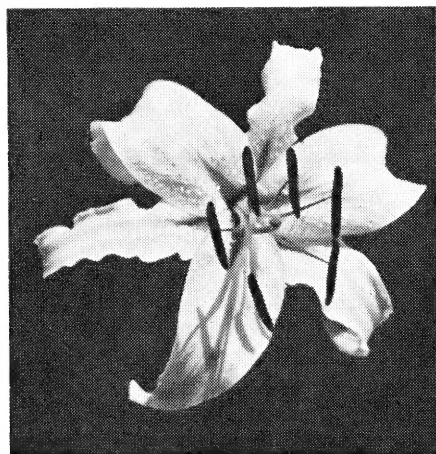
What A Hybrid!

It's nearly twenty years since Dr. Pfeiffer saw the first flower from her crosses of *L. martagon album* x *L. hansonii*. And it was not until 1955 that she consented to have us introduce them to the gardening world. In the intervening years she ruthlessly culled every seedling that showed the slightest imperfection or which did not meet her exacting standards for beauty, vigour and uniformity. What remained was about as near to perfection as one could get in a martagon x hansonii hybrid. When we took over her stock and planted it out and saw it in bloom for several seasons, we realized that a very important group of lilies had been ushered into the world. The picture shows what a planting of this superb hybrid can look like—great spikes

of flowers on strong stiff stems, magnificent foliage, all setting off the fine gold color of the blooms. The bulbs are the healthiest we have ever seen and they multiply in an ideal way—in two years one bulb divides into two big ones, and in three to four years these two bulbs divide again into four large bulbs, when they are ready to take up and replant.

Gardeners have taken to the Pfeiffer martagon x hansonii hybrids with devotion. Here we have a truly new and striking lily. And only now has Dr. Pfeiffer decided to give these hybrids a name. They are to be called Pfeiffer 'Terrace City' Hybrids, in honor of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research and the City of Yonkers, N. Y., where the Institute is located and Dr. Pfeiffer originated the strain. See Page 3 for listing.

A PEERLESS WHITE SPECIOSUM



Our *L. speciosum album*

If there is a better white speciosum than our *L. speciosum album*, we'll tip our hat to it. Last autumn we sent 50 bulbs to the Ornamentals Section, U. S. Dept. of Agric., Beltsville, Md. They were wanted there to carry on important breeding work, the geneticists having recognized and confirmed the outstanding quality of this strain. Great beauty the flower has, of course—the pure white blooms with their green nectaries and burnt orange pollen are what you dreamed of in the species. But above all the bulb and plant have vigor—vigor is actually too mild a word for the ruggedness of this variety. It persists year after year and blooms year after year. It stays in your garden and adorns it. Any of our speciosum album which do not stay in your garden and adorn it give you certified right to ask us for an accounting. See Page 5 for listing.

POSTSCRIPT! Both Terrace City Hybrids and *L. speciosum album* are sharply reduced in price this year because we have ample stocks. That, too, should interest you!

L. AMABILE

3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.75; 12 for \$9.25. A handsome red turkscape from Korea. July; 18"-3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AMABILE LUTEUM

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.25. The flower is an attractive yellow. Easily grown. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AURATUM PLATYPHYLLUM

1 for \$1.35; 3 for \$3.85; 6 for \$7.50; 12 for \$14.80. The gold-banded lily of Japan. Aug.; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt. Auratum seed from the New Zealand auratum specialist, L. Tuffery, \$2.00 per pkt.*

L. CANDIDUM

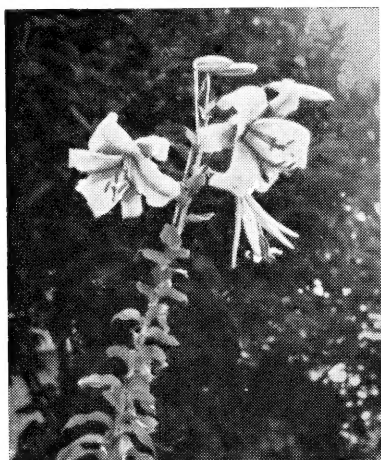
The historic Madonna Lily, pure white, semi-trumpet with golden pollen and a delicate perfume. June; 4'. These lilies should be planted in August or September. We do, however, keep a supply of the bulbs in our cool store until Oct. 15.

Candidum (type) 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.30; 12 for \$8.40. Large bulbs \$1.00 each.

Salonikae \$1.10 each. Originally collected in Greece, we believe this variety the finest of the species in commerce. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

Plant the above with only one or two inches of soil over the bulbs.

MARTHA MEARS' AURELIANS*



A Trumpet Form of Mrs. Mears' Aurelianense. There is also the Sunburst form.

Mrs. William T. Mears of Anderson, Indiana, has spent the last ten years working with a variety of aurelianense and seedlings of the T. A. Havemeyer strain, carefully selecting parentage clones for further breeding each season. The results she has achieved in securing purer cream and yellow colorings and eliminating orange tints, in more vigorous plants with large and finer inflorescence, in elegance and port of the individual flowers have been very striking.

Two years in succession her exhibits of these very desirable lilies have won many prizes. We are proud to have been designated by Martha Mears as sole commercial distributors for her introductions. The clones offered this season will be various types of trumpet and sunburst forms. Cream colored trumpets \$3.75 each. Yellow trumpets \$4.00 each. Sunburst type \$4.50. *Mixed seed of the various types \$1.50 per pkt.*

L. AURELIANENSE GOLDEN TRUMPETS*

Each \$3.50. These are the fine yellow trumpets developed by Mr. Carl Yerex of Oregon. Aug.; 4-5'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. BIG RED*

\$2.50 each. A truly striking lily propagated from a clone sent us by Mr. Tuffery of New Zealand. It has very large, bright red, reflexed flowers facing upward and outward, on stout stems. July; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. BROCADE*

Small bulbs 1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.75; 6 for \$11.25; 12 for \$22.00. Large bulbs \$3.25 each. One of the Backhouse Hybrids, a cross of L. MARTAGON X L. HANSONII, tightly reflexed little flowers of yellow and pink in handsome crowns. June; 3-4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. BROWNII

Flowering size bulbs \$3.50. An early blooming, very appealing white trumpet from Asia. June-July; 3-4'.

L. CHALCEDONICUM MACULATUM

Each \$4.75. The heavily spotted, scarlet turkscape, habitat Greece. July; 3-4'.

L. CORONATION*

Flowering size bulbs \$1.25 each. A highly desirable yellow turkscape. June-July; 3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. DALHANSONI*

Flowering size bulbs 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.60; 6 for \$17.00; 12 for \$33.80. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. A reddish maroon L. MARTAGON X HANSONII hybrid of great vigor and beauty. June-July; 4'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

WERE YOU ABOUT TO ASK US ABOUT FEEDING? There are lots of ways of feeding your lilies, lilacs and peonies. Here's how we spend some of our money on feeding these delightful creatures of the garden in the early spring. They've slept the winter through; they're popping up or leafing out, ready to shoot the works. They're hungry, and for all the good nutriment already in the soil for them, they appreciate a little quick-energy stuff. We scratch a handful or so of ammonium sulphate into the soil around each plant.

L. DAURICUM

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.80; 12 for \$5.25. An early lily; cup-shaped, apricot. A very easy, a very delightful lily. May; 2½'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. DAURICUM WILSONII

Ea. \$1.10. Glossy orange flowers. Enhances the late summer garden. Aug.; 3'.

L. DAVIDI

A fine orangey red turkscap, a beginner's must, yet the delight of the fancier. June-July; 3-4'.

Unicolor 3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Somewhat lighter in color, almost unspotted. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Willmottiae 3 for \$1.20; 6 for \$2.15; 12 for \$4.00. Darker in color and heavily spotted. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. FIRE KING*

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.85; 12 for \$11.50. A brilliant red, reflexed English hybrid, a heavy bloomer. June; 3½'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. FORMOSANUM

Each \$.85. A white trumpet lily, delicately perfumed, from Formosa, of easy culture. Very prolific. Aug.-Sept.; 3½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Pricei Each \$1.00. A dwarf form. July-Aug.; 18". *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. GOLDCREST*

Each \$2.00. A highly desirable Canadian hybrid which multiplies rapidly and whose spidery golden flowers are early. May-June; 3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

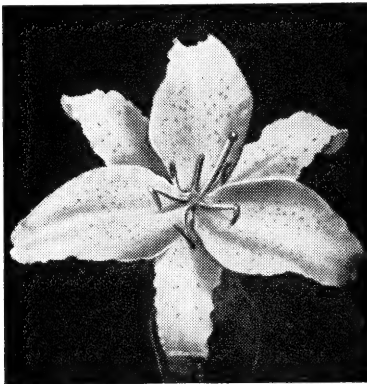
L. GREEN MT. HYBRIDS*

Each \$1.00. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. A large white, elegant trumpet. Green-tinted throats. Cool and refreshing, graceful and excellent for cutting. A lily must. July; 6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. HANSONII

1 for \$1.25; 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.50; 12 for \$12.50. A handsome, tightly reflexed yellow flower of thick texture, with small purple marking; likes slight shade. Very reliable. June; 4'.

Our Lily Specialties



Pfeiffer Hybrid
A White, Lightly Maculated

L. PFEIFFER HYBRIDS*

The famous auratum x japonicum and auratum x rubellum crosses, of various shapes and blooming season, from late June to late August. Colors from white to bright pink.

Flowering size bulbs: White with maculation \$6.00 each. Pinks \$7.50 each. *Seed \$2.50 per pkt.*

L. TERRACE CITY HYBRIDS* (*martagon* x *hansonii*)

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Large bulbs 1 for \$3.00; 3 for \$8.50; 6 for \$16.50; 12 for \$32.50. Attractive shades of gold, with petal reverses of delicate pink. June-July; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

ERIC MAYELL'S CARMEL AURATUMS

This fine new auratum platyphylum, bred in California, is particularly suited to American gardens.

Flowering size bulbs \$2.00 each. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. *Seed \$1.50 per pkt.*

AN INVITATION TO SPENDTHRIFTS

When you buy an expensive lily bulb, buy two of that variety if possible. If you buy two you can propagate one, which is a form of insurance against loss if you only buy one and it refuses to like you on first acquaintance. By scaling the extra bulb, in time you can have quite a few bulbs of the variety. How do you think we stay in business? By propagating our stock. Ask us and we'll tell you how to propagate lilies by scaling.

L. HENRYI

Asiatic turkscap of yellow to orange, very floriferous and tall growing. Aug.; 7'.

Henryi (type) 3 for \$1.65; 6 for \$3.15; 12 for \$6.00. Orange with green nectaries. Give it slight shade. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Citrinum Each \$3.00. A clear lemon yellow. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

Erecta Each \$1.00. A stiffer stem and much erecter bearing than the type, and flowers clearer colored. Extremely sturdy. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. JAPONICUM

Each \$1.95. The fuchsia pink, flaring trumpet lily of Japan. Likes access to running water. June; 2½'.

L. MARHAN*

Flowering size 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.60; 6 for \$17.00; 12 for \$33.00. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. One of the best L. MARTAGON X L. HANSONII hybrids. Tightly reflexed flowers of orangey hue, finely spotted. June; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

ALIDA LIVINGSTON'S LILIES

We are happy to be able to continue to offer a selection of lilies from the gardens of this internationally known amateur.

L. AURATUM PLATYPHYLLUM

Flowering size bulbs \$2.50 each. Large bulbs \$5.00 each. The plant is impressive for size and the quality of its inflorescence. Aug.; 4-6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. SPECIOSUM RUBRUM

\$1.75 each. One of the most desirable selections of the species, with large, crimson reflexed flowers. Aug.; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. TSINGTAUENSE

\$1.50 each. An angular shaped, semi-reflexed, brilliant orange red lily from Asia. June-July; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON

The lavender European turkscap. June-July; 3'. 1 for \$2.25; 3 for \$6.50; 6 for \$12.50; 12 for \$24.00. *Seed gathered in the wild in Austria by the German specialist, Carl Feldmaier, from many of the darker varieties, \$1.50 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON ALBUM

1 for \$1.85; 3 for \$5.20; 6 for \$10.00; 12 for \$19.50. A most attractive tiny, white turkscap.

L. MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE*

1 for \$2.75; 3 for \$8.00; 6 for \$15.75; 12 for \$31.00. The great L. MARTAGON X HANSONII hybrid; yellow, pink flushed and purple spotted. June; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. PARKMANNI JILLIAN WALLACE*

Flowering size \$5.50. This L. SPECIOSUM X L. AURATUM hybrid has had world acclaim for its vivid red, flat, flaring flower. Aug.; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. PRINCEPS*

3 for \$1.75; 6 for \$3.25; 12 for \$6.25. Very large bulbs \$1.25 each. A dependable white trumpet of mixed bloods. July; 6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. PRINCEPS G. C. CREELMAN*

Small bulbs \$1.75 each; very large bulbs \$4.00. A selected seedling of the above, with great crowns of heavily textured, glistening flowers. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. REGALE HYBRIDS*

Flowering size 3 for \$1.00; 6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.50. Large bulbs 3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.50; 12 for \$8.50. Very large bulbs \$1.10 each. This is the familiar large white trumpet of midsummer. June-July; 7'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. RUBELLUM

1 for \$2.00; 3 for \$5.75; 6 for \$11.25; 12 for \$22.00. A fragrant pink semi-trumpet from Japan. June; 2'.

L. SARGENTIAE HYBRIDS*

Each \$2.00. A stylish white trumpet. July; 5-6'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. SHELBURNE HYBRID PINK TRUMPETS*

Each \$5.00. One of the handsomest of the pink trumpet selections—resists fading in the sun. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

HOW UNNECESSARY! Mrs. Pennypacker (or maybe it's you) receives a lily bulb with miles of roots on it. That's a sign it's a good bulb. And Mrs. Pennypacker being extremely conscientious digs a hole large enough to accommodate the root system of a 20' tree so that she will be sure not to crowd the roots of the lily bulb. How unnecessary! Snip off roots to within an inch of the base. It will make nice new ones, rest assured.

L. SPECIOSUM

The sharply reflexed, heavily marked, exotic looking lily from Japan, with varieties from pure white to pink to dark red.

Album Each \$1.75. Ours is a special clone developed in California and found to be of outstanding quality. Aug.-Sept.; 3'.

Rubrum 3 for \$2.95; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.00. Pinks and reds, of many blood-lines. Aug.; 4'. *Seed \$\$.75 per pkt.*

L. SUTTON COURT*

Flowering size bulbs 1 for \$1.75; 3 for \$5.00; 6 for \$9.75; 12 for \$19.25. Large bulbs \$2.75 each. A beautiful sister seedling of L. MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. T. A. HAVEMEYER*

Large bulbs \$5.00 each. A spectacular flaring yellow flower with persimmon throat. Aug.; 6'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INTRODUCTIONS



L. DARK PRINCESS*

\$3.50 each. Flat, outward-facing yellowish-orange flowers heavily covered with dark purple spots, coalescing on the edges of each petal to give the appearance of a black border. July; 3'. *Seed \$1.50 per pkt.*

The following are reflexed and upward and outward facing:

L. BRANDYWINE*

Each \$1.25. Light, yellowish orange. June; 2-3'. *Seed \$\$.75 per pkt.*

L. CAVALIER*

Each \$1.25. Flowers more yellowish. June; 2½-3½'. *Seed \$\$.75 per pkt.*

MAXIMOWICZII HYBRIDS*

Each \$.85. These are a distinct improvement on L. MAXIMOWICZII WADAI. The flowers are larger, ranging from a light orange red to brilliant red and the blooming period is thru July-Aug.; 3-7'. *Seed \$\$.75 per pkt.*

L. MEGA*

\$2.00 each. Canary yellow flowers with reddish reverse of petals. July; 2-3'. *Seed \$\$.75 per pkt.*

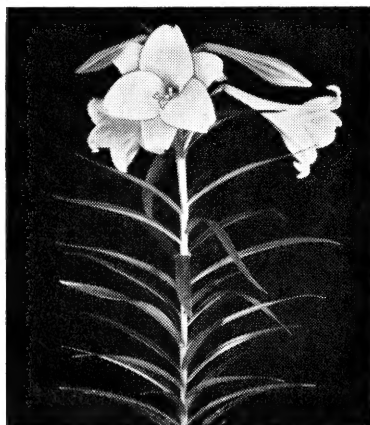
L. MOUNTAINEER*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. Brilliant red, vivid in its appeal. July; 3'. *Seed \$\$.75 per pkt.*

L. POTOMAC HYBRIDS*

Each \$5.00. This striking AURATUM X SPECIOSUM cross has an immense speciosum rubrum-like flower. July-Aug.; 5'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

THE TETRAPLOID LONGIFLORUMS



One of several of the Tetraploid Longiflorum Clones

We were privileged to be one of the co-operators with the U. S. Dept. of Agric. in their release of three new tetraploid varieties of *L. longiflorum* and to be able to make them available to our customers last year, although in limited quantity. We are happy to announce that our supply is somewhat larger this year and that prices have been reduced. Tetraploidy which involves a doubling of the chromosomes of the cells of the plant has produced magnificent results in the case of these new lilies which have been selectively bred over several generations. The flowers are larger, in some cases up to 7" long, with an open spread almost equal to the length. The petals are thick, closely resembling white kid, and the foliage has good substance. They bloom in July. \$4.00. *Mixed seed of various types \$1.50 per pkt.*

Our Lily Specialties

CENTIFOLIUM HYBRIDS*

We offer a special selection of these fragrant, attractive trumpets. July; 6'.

STRAWBERRY HILL STRAIN

A clean cut lily of standard quality; white with yellow throat, colored reverse of petals. 3 for \$1.80; 6 for \$3.35; 12 for \$6.45. Large bulbs \$1.00 each. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

TEMPLE STRAIN

New introductions by the Oregon specialist, John Shaver, who has obtained outstanding color breaks by careful breeding and selection. They promise to be an important addition to the lily garden.

Amethyst Temple Pink to light red. Large bulbs 8-9", 1 for \$4.00; 3 for \$11.50; 6 for \$22.50. 12 for \$44.00.

Jade Temple Pale greens. Large bulbs 8-9", 1 for \$2.95; 3 for \$8.50; 6 for \$16.50; 12 for \$32.00.

Marble Temple Many tints from white to opalescent. Large bulbs 8-9", 1 for \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.00.

Sun Temple Various shades of yellow. Flowering size bulbs, 1 for \$3.25; 3 for \$9.50; 6 for \$18.50; 12 for \$36.00.

Temple Strain Seed \$1.00 per pkt.

JUST ABOUT PERFECT

This phrase as applied to a soil mixture best suited for lily growing presupposes a medium which is chiefly very coarse sand, but uncommonly well spiked with leafmold and very slyly infiltrated with such materials as dried blood, dried cow or sheep manure, or what have you got of like nature. This kind of soil mixture has been called "frothy," and you can dig a lily bulb out of it with your hands and yet get plenty of scratch on your finger tips.

OYEZ! He who plants a lily bulb in a wet soggy site should be called before a Court of Horticulture. Lily bulbs *must* have the sharpest drainage. The best way of providing that is by planting in raised beds. But one way or another, it must be provided or it is a plain case of murder where lily bulbs are concerned.

Dr. Skinner's Introductions

This noted Canadian hybridist's lilies are world famous.

L. AMARYLLIS*

Small bulbs \$1.50 each. Large bulbs \$3.15 each. Flaring, pale-red amaryllis colored flowers. July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. AZALEA*

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.25; 12 for \$10.25. An angular, azalea-pink, cupshaped, attractive lily. July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. GLOW*

3 for \$2.00; 6 for \$3.75; 12 for \$7.25. A rosy, upward facing little lily of strong constitution. June-July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. LEMON LADY*

Small bulbs \$2.50 each. Large bulbs \$3.75 each. An unusually beautiful yellow turkscap. June-July; 3'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. MARGARET JOHNSON*

1 for \$1.10; 3 for \$3.00; 6 for \$5.75; 12 for \$11.25. A gay salmon colored lily with heavily marked reflexed blooms. July; 4'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. MARTAGON x HANSONII HYBRIDS*

Small bulbs \$1.10 each; large bulbs \$2.50 each. The tight little turkscap flowers vary from lavender to reddish yellow. June; 4'. *Seed \$1.00 per pkt.*

L. SCOTTIAE

Each \$1.50. Named in honor of his mother by Dr. Skinner, it is a brilliant, orange reflexed lily of great vigor and substance. June; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

**L. TESTACEUM STRAWBERRY HILL
SPECIAL SELECT***

Flowering size bulbs \$2.00 each. Reflexed flowers of apricot tinted white. Our TESTACEUM have received some of the highest awards in floriculture. June-July; 4'. Plant a distance from other lilies.

L. THUNBERGIANUM ORANGE KING*

3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.75; 12 for \$9.00. Cupshaped orange lily; extremely vigorous and showy. June-July; 2½'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. TIGRINUM FORTUNEI and SPLENDENS

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.75; 12 for \$5.25. Two varieties of our old friend, the tiger lily, a salmon-red turkscap, the first slightly smaller than the second. Aug.; 5'. Plant some distance from other lilies.

L. TSINGTAUENSE

1 for \$1.15; 3 for \$3.20; 6 for \$6.25; 12 for \$12.00. A glistening, orange red cup-shaped flower, with angular petals, and glistening, deep green foliage. July; 3'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. UMBELLATUM

A thrifty, upward facing, cupshaped lily of many colors, a garden standby. Excellent for cutting. June-July; 3'.

Umbellatum x Davidi Hybrids* Each \$1.50. Red flowers upward and outward facing; a pleasing novelty. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

Umbellatum x Davidi x Tigrinum Hybrids* Per dozen \$5.00. All colors, from buffy orange to red; flowers pending or outward facing. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Umbellatum Erectum 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50. Brilliant red. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Umbellatum Variegated* 3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.00; 12 for \$7.50. Mixed colors. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

**THE BEST MULCH FOR
A LILY BED**

Pine needles to a depth of four inches. They break up so slowly that they don't need renewal for three years or so. They surpress weeds; they filter even the scantiest rainfall into the ground which they keep in good tilth and at an even temperature. They delay emergence of lily stems and thus save them from late spring frosts. And ultimately they add to the humus in the soil.

American Species

L. BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS*

3 for \$2.50; 6 for \$4.80; 12 for \$9.40. These crosses of several western species are vigorous, reflexed lilies of various combinations of yellow, orange and red. July; 7'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

Frances Larrabee Cadmium yellow, dark red spots.

Shuksan Yellow with oxblood spots. Named varieties are 3 for \$3.50; 6 for \$6.50; 12 for \$12.50. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

BELLINGHAM HYBRIDS 4529*

Each \$1.00. This variant was recently introduced by Oregon State Agricultural College, has much smaller maculation, and the colors are softer and more blended. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. BOLANDERI

Each \$4.75. A native of the Siskiyou on the Cal.-Oregon boundary; bell shaped red flowers; July; 3'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. CANADENSE FLAVUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Large bulbs \$1.75 each. Our pretty eastern yellow Meadow Lily. June-July; 4'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*



L. CANADENSE RUBRUM

Each \$2.75. The brilliant red form pictured above is one of our most beautiful native American lilies, now becoming rare. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. COLUMBIANUM

1 for \$1.75; 3 for \$5.00; 6 for \$9.75; 12 for \$19.25. A delightful western lily, with tiny turkscap flowers of glistening yellow. July; 5'.

L. GRAYI

Four year old bulbs \$1.00 each. Large bulbs \$1.75 each. One of the daintiest of the eastern species, bell shaped, blood red flowers. June; 3'.

L. HARRISIANUM

3 for \$1.50; 6 for \$2.75; 12 for \$5.00. A heavily spotted, brilliant red and yellow reflexed lily once identified as *L. PARDALINUM GIGANTEUM*. July; 6'. *Seed \$.50 per pkt.*

L. HUMBOLDTII

Large bulbs \$3.75 each. This denizen of the Pacific Coastal Range bears many reflexed flowers of glistening orange, heavily spotted. June-July; 6'.

L. KELLEYANUM

Each \$6.50. An exquisite yellow, flared and partially reflexed inhabitant of the Sierra Nevadas of California. July; 3'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. KELLEYANUM x PARVUM HYBRIDS*

Each \$7.50. These rare natural hybrids of the Mono Lake basin in California vary in shape from flared to companule, in various combinations of yellow and red. *Seed \$2.50 per pkt.*

L. KELLOGGII

Each \$4.75. A western reflexed lily of white and purple, becoming rare. June; 2½'. *Seed \$1.75 per pkt.*

L. MICHIGANENSE

3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$5.00; 12 for \$9.00. Very large bulbs \$1.75 each. A handsome turkscap of flushed red, orange and yellow in blend. July; 7'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. OCCIDENTALE

Each \$4.75. A crimson and orange turkscap of the California marshes and bogs. July; 3'. *Seed \$1.25 per pkt.*

L. PARRYI

1 for \$2.75; 3 for \$8.00; 6 for \$15.50; 12 for \$30.00. An aristocrat among the western American species, with pure Chinese yellow, fragrant, semi-trumpet flowers. June; 2½'.

L. PHILADELPHICUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. A heavily spotted, red, upright cupshaped specimen, best naturalized in a dry, sandy, acid soil amidst native grasses. Broadcast a pinch of seed every year. July; 2'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. ROEZLII

Each \$2.50. A yellow turkscap with some red in it. June-July; 2-3'.

L. RUBESCENS

Each \$5.00. A white, tinged with lavender trumpet that turns lilac as it matures. July; 3'.

L. SUPERBUM

3 for \$2.25; 6 for \$4.25; 12 for \$8.25. Very large bulbs \$1.75 each. A red and yellow turkscap of the northeast. July; 8'. *Seed \$.75 per pkt.*

L. VOLLMERI

Each \$2.50. Like *L. ROEZLII* but with predominantly red coloring.

L. WASHINGTONIANUM PURPURESCENS

Large bulbs \$5.00 each. An enchanting Californian-Oregonian, white semi-trumpet, turning lilac to lavender after opening. June-July; 3'.

Lily Seed

An ideal and inexpensive way to grow lilies is from seed. It results in vigorous stock, and in the case of hybrids (marked * in the lists above) you may get something new and perhaps valuable. Our seed is hand polinated. Minimum orders for seed alone are \$2.50.

FROM A LITTLE SEED...

Quite a big, handsome lily will grow. It's not as easy as falling off a log, and yet you don't need a doctorate in botany to do it well. As a matter of fact, the first time you buy seed from us you receive a pamphlet prepared by the North American Lily Society which tells you all you need to know to grow lilies from seed perfectly. Grow them under fluorescent lights the way we do. The supreme value of this method is that you protect the tender seedlings from a wide variety of enemies which they otherwise encounter if you grow them in a cold-frame or even a glass greenhouse. If you're really serious about it, let us know when you place your next seed order with us.

We also urge our customers to become members of the N.A.L.S. The Society's Year Book, news letters, round robins and seed exchange are extremely valuable. We will be glad to send you an application blank and sponsor your membership.

Attention

We would draw our customers' attention to the fact that unless they specify otherwise when ordering lily bulbs, we will substitute a variety of greater price where we are unable for any reason to supply the specific item requested; or if we are unable to supply the larger sizes of a desired variety, we will send two or more smaller bulbs for the same price.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS: *We facilitate you on all import matters as soon as we receive your order.*

All lily bulbs are sent postpaid, but in view of high packaging and postal costs, on all orders under \$2.50 remittance should include an additional 50¢

to cover handling. Where transportation is west of the Mississippi, 50¢ should be added to help defray postal charges.

BOOKS

We offer the following valuable works on lilies:

By three of America's leading specialists—Dr. George L. Slate's "Lilies for American Gardens," \$5.00; Jan de Graaff's "The New Book of Lilies," \$3.50; Edgar L. Kline's "Reference Chart of Lilies for Garden and Greenhouse," \$1.00.

By international authorities—L. Tuffery's "Lillies are Easy," \$1.00; Woodcock & Stearn's "Lilies of the World," \$8.25; Alice C. Maxwell's "Lilies in Their Homes," \$3.50.

Our Hardy Camellias



A cold-tolerant camellia, one of Dr. Zimmerman's selections, flourishing out of doors just north of New York City.

We believe this group of camellias can withstand winters out of doors as far north as Philadelphia without special protection. They were selected and de-

veloped by the late Dr. P. W. Zimmerman of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Yonkers, N. Y.

If you live where extremely low temperatures prevail, we suggest setting the plants out of doors in spring or summer, transferring the pots indoors in September or October.

Plants are shipped between June 1 and July 15, bare-root, protected by moist sphagnum in polyethylene envelopes. From these they can be transferred to clay pots or planted in the open ground. With each plant there are supplied without charge enough of our own special camellia fertilizer for one year and detailed cultural directions.

We offer the following choice varieties:

DIXIE A full double small flower, light pink in color.

PAGE Small, semi-double pink flower.

Prices postpaid: 6-12" plants \$3.75; 12-18" \$4.75; 18-24" \$5.75.

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THE BUD THAT DROPS BREAKS THE HEART. . . particularly if it's a camellia bud, the lovely color of the potential flower just showing. We are prepared to make affidavit that much nonsense has been written about bud drop on camellias by camellia experts. Not that we know what causes bud drop, but we have found a material which stops bud drop on *our* camellias. As a matter of fact, we include a pinch of the stuff with every camellia order now, although we frankly warn you that we will shortly stop that philanthropic practice. The stuff is Terraclor, purchasable at your seedman. Mix $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful to 1 gal. of water and pour around each plant. Repeat three or four times a season.



VESTALE, one of the finest single white French hybrids

Our Lilac List

How many lilacs make a lilac walk? Why one, if that is all you have room for. Or it may be 185 which is precisely the number of our strong, well-shaped bushes, on their own roots, purchased last autumn by a charming lady for a lilac walk she planted on her estate.

This lilac walk with its exquisite and fragrant bloom is going to give untold pleasure to this lady. And in an important sense her lilac walk will be for a lifetime.

Of course, it's not surprising that *we*

should have several lilac walks. Without raising our voice a single decibel, we are prepared to aver that no one loves lilacs more than we do. And so, we have four lilac walks, and have just planted another of *villosae* species and hybrids. But one particularly, of sixteen French hybrids about 30 years old, is our favorite. It was planned for our lifetime.—But as we said, even one lilac bush can make a lilac walk for *your* lifetime. And whether it's one or many bushes in your lilac walk, give it a little care. Write us and we'll tell you how.

French Hybrids and Others

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

BLEAUATRE A single blue of fresh coloring. The bush is a moderately strong grower, having good shape. It was introduced before 1897 by the Baltet Nursery of Troyes, France, which was founded in 1720.

\$2.75 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

CAPITAINE BALTET One of the most attractive of the single purple and reddish-pink varieties, having large flower panicles. It was introduced by Lemoine in 1919 to honor Captain Lucien Baltet, son of Charles Baltet of the Baltet Nursery, who was killed in World War I.

\$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.25 ... \$4.75

CHARLES JOLY A double purple which you will have to cozen to get the best out of it, since it is rather a slow grower, but it makes a handsome and floriferous bush in time. A Lemoine introduction of 1896.

\$3.00 \$4.00

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

CONDORCET Deep reddish-purple double flowers in handsome, graceful thyrses. A slow grower and not a very large bush but compact and thrifty. It is now sixty years since it was introduced by Lemoine and commemorates Marie Jean Antoine Nicolas Caritat de Condorcet, that noted figure of the French Revolution.

\$4.00

CONGO A single reddish purple. The bush grows rather slowly and is stocky. A Lemoine introduction of 1888, it consistently holds its place among the best in its classification, and its picturesque name is also a part of its attraction.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

DECAISNE There are not too many good blues among lilacs. This is one of the finest singles in this color and is a prolific bloomer. A Lemoine introduction of 1910. Joseph Decaisne was a 19th Century Belgian botanist, among whose many horticultural accomplishments is

KEY TO PICTURE. Lady in winter habiliments taking census of lilacs at Strawberry Hill, an essential seasonal chore, so that we may know accurately what stock we have and its size. What we would more particularly draw your attention to, however, is the stocky character of our lilacs, how well branched they are, and how we achieve symmetry in the bushes by careful pruning.



12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

the one that he classified and named our American redwood, the Big Trees, *Sequoia gigantea*.

\$3.75 ...\$4.25 ...\$4.50 ...\$4.75 ...\$5.00

ELLEN WILLMOTT This vigorous-growing bush holds its premier place among the double whites, with its creamy buds and graceful thyrses. Lemoine added to its distinction when on introducing it in 1903 he named it for a great English horticulturist and writer of garden books.

\$2.75 ...\$3.25 ...\$3.50 ...\$3.75

GEORGES BELLAIR One of the truly satisfying double wine-reds, maturing quickly, flowering freely and making a large, handsome bush. A Lemoine introduction of 1900, honoring a one-time director of the Park of Versailles of France.

\$2.75 ...\$3.25 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.00

HUGO KOSTER An attractive single, having a lilac-colored floret, and its thrifty habits of growth make this variety desirable in any representative planting. Introduced in 1914, the name is that of a member of the Koster family in whose nursery, in the great horticultural center of Boskoop, Holland, it was developed.

\$2.75 ...\$3.25 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.25 ...\$4.75

JULES FERRY A double, it was best described by one of America's leading lilac experts as having "long, large clusters of silvery mauve florets with rose-red buds." A 1907 Lemoine introduction, it is dependable and vigorous. It was named after a rather controversial 19th Century premier of France.

\$2.75 ...\$3.00 ...\$3.50 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.25

KATHERINE HAVEMEYER A double, pink to opalescent in color. A rich and handsome lilac which takes its time to mature and achieve medium height, but it is a staunch and consistent bloomer. It was named by the Lemoines to honor the wife of T. A. Havemeyer, noted American horticulturist and lilac hybridizer, who first grew and tested many of the newer Lemoine lilacs in the United States.

\$3.00 ...\$3.75

LAMARTINE A single of delicate lavender. Its earlier blooming and rapid growth characteristics arise from the fact that it is a hybrid of the species lilac *oblata giraldi* by *Syringa vulgaris*. Its name commemorates Alphonse Marie Louis Lamartine, a poet-immortal of France, and it was introduced by Lemoine in 1911.

\$2.75 ...\$3.25 ...\$3.50 ...\$4.00

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

LUCIE BALTET The first among the true pinks in lilacs, a single that blooms early in life and asks for little pampering. Any one who loves lilacs will find the soft, silvery-pink pannicles of this outstanding variety of great appeal. It is seventy years since the Baltets introduced it and named it after a daughter of the family.

\$2.75 ...\$3.00 ...\$3.25 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.00

LUDWIG SPAETH A burgundy colored single which found its way from the Ludwig Spaeth Nursery of Berlin seventy-five years ago and today still tops the list in its classification. You will have to wait patiently until it reaches its best blooming period, but in the end you will be rewarded by its beauty.

\$3.50 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.00 ...\$4.50 ...\$5.00

MME. ANTOINE BUCHNER Soft rose-lavender double florets on foot-long trusses give this tall-growing bush unusual distinction. It was introduced by Lemoine in 1909 to honor the wife of a noted German horticulturist.

\$2.75 ...\$3.00 ...\$3.25 ...\$3.50 ...\$4.00

MME. CASIMIR PERIER One of the best double whites, not too tall, and a bush which can be nicely shaped with a little pruning. An 1894 Lemoine introduction, it honored the widow of a president of France.

\$3.00 ...\$3.50 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.25 ...\$4.50

MME. FRANCISQUE MOREL The large single florets of lavender-pink of this variety set off the tall bush. Named after the wife of its originator, a landscape architect of Lyons, France, and introduced in 1892.

\$2.75 ...\$3.00 ...\$3.50 ...\$3.75 ...\$4.00

MME. LEMOINE Another of the double whites of highest quality, with double-tipped snowy thyrses. A Lemoine introduction of 1890, it is named for the wife of Victor Lemoine of the Lemoine nursery.

\$3.75 ...\$4.25 ...\$4.50 ...\$4.75 ...\$5.00

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

We are sometimes surprised that people can't wait for their lilacs to come to blooming age. Some varieties take seven years to come to bloom, although some of them prodigally begin to throw out gorgeous thyrses when they are mere infants. Of course your true lilac fancier says that he is prepared to judge the quality of lilac bloom only after the bush is ten years old. We don't ask you to have that much patience, only a little.

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

MONGE Possibly the darkest purple single, and one of the most popular lilacs since its introduction by Lemoine in 1913. Named after Gaspard Monge, a great 18th century mathematician.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

MRS. EDWARD HARDING Double, claret-colored and pink-stained florets in large clusters that last well. The bush is tall and strong-growing. Introduced in 1922 by Lemoine and named for a gifted American amateur gardener-horticulturist, author of the book, "Lilacs in My Garden."
\$2.75 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.25

PRES. FALLIERES Pink, blending into white-mauve at the center are the colors giving this double its appeal. The bush is slender and tall. Named after a president of France; introduced by Lemoine in 1911.
\$3.75 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75 ... \$5.00

PRES. GREVY One of the earliest and heaviest bloomers of the French hybrids, it has large, compact thyrses of double blue flowers. Lemoine, 1886; the name commemorates a president of France.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

PRES. LINCOLN This most vigorous of lilacs, having cool silver-blue, medium sized single florets and thyrses, has achieved well-merited popularity since it was introduced in 1916 by the American horticulturist, John Dunbar, at Highland Park, Rochester, N. Y.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

PRES. POINCARÉ A double with a color range of red to violet to mauve. "Magnificent is not too strong a word for it," is what one expert has said of this lilac which honors a World War I French president. Lemoine introduction, 1913.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00

REAUMUR A single, with purplish-red florets that also have violet tints. The bush is tall and strong. A Lemoine introduction of 1904. René Antoine Ferchault de Reaumur was a noted 18th Century physicist of France.
\$2.75 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

SYRINGA CHINENSIS A darkish pink single, considered a natural hybrid between *S. persica* and *S. vulgaris*.
\$3.25 ... \$3.75

12-18" 18-24" 2-3' 3-4' 4-5'

SYRINGA PERSICA Very pale pink single florets in open sprays on slender spreading stems — this is the Persian lilac which is native from Persia to China and was introduced to the west in 1640.
\$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00

VESTALE A single white, having perfectly proportioned florets; a bush which is strong and has clean lines. It was appropriately named after the vestal virgins of antiquity by Lemoine in 1910.
\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75 ... \$4.00

VICTOR LEMOINE A pink and blue double of outstanding appearance. A 1906 introduction of Lemoine, honoring that member of the family who launched their memorable work on lilac hybridizing.
\$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.75

Early Varieties

The five varieties listed below, with their names reminiscent of colonial America, are early blooming hybrids of the species lilac *oblata dilatata* by *S. vulgaris*. They were bred and introduced in 1935 by Dr. F. L. Skinner, a leading Canadian hybridist and nurseryman. They take extreme cold, make large, well-proportioned bushes which flower profusely. The foliage is handsome and the flowers not unlike the French hybrids although growing in looser clusters.

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ASSESSIPPI Single, purple.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00

EVANGELINE Double, lavender.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

MINNEHAHA Single, purple.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

NOKOMIS Single, light lavender
\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

POCAHONTAS Single, deep purple.
\$2.75 ... \$3.00

LILACS WANT a fertile, well-conditioned soil on the alkaline side, in full sun and not competing with the greedy roots of large trees or crushed against the wall of a building. Your reward will be good bloom.

Late Varieties

The varieties listed under this heading are species or species hybrids, with single florets like tiny tubular trumpets and foliage unlike that which we usually associate with lilacs. The leaves are bright green, heavily veined and crinkled. The colorings of the florets are soft and subtle and pastel-like. Because they bloom well into June, after the French hybrids are gone, they agreeably extend the lilac season. The bushes are thickly branched and fast and tall-growing and are easily kept to well proportioned shape. They are thus ideally suited for hedges, looking very attractive even in winter, but also make extremely handsome specimen plants.

<u>12-18"</u>	<u>18-24"</u>	<u>2-3'</u>	<u>3-4'</u>	<u>4-5'</u>
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CORAL Single, coral. Originated in 1927 by Miss Isabella Preston, a leading Canadian hybridist, it is a member of a new race of lilacs created by her and known as *Syringa prestoniae*, crosses of *Syringa villosa* by *Syringa reflexa*.

\$3.00 ... \$3.50

FLOREAL Single, faint lavender. A Le-moine hybrid, 1925.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 \$4.50



YOU GUESSED IT. This bush is dying. Why is it dying? Because, being a grafted bush, it has been hit by graft blast at the joint between understock and the scion. The loss of this bush is particularly depressing since at the age at which it should be flowering profusely it is, instead, giving up the ghost. The moral: *only lilacs on their own roots like ours should be planted in your garden.*

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ISABELLA Single, pink. Another *Syringa prestoniae* of superb quality. It is strong growing and a consistent bloomer.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$4.00 ... \$4.50

LUTECE Single, pink. This is a type of *Syringa Henryi* originated by Prof. Louis Henry of the Museum of Natural History of Paris and introduced in 1910.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$3.75

ROYALTY Single, deep purple. A *S. josi-flexa*, particularly desirable for the richness of its coloring.

\$4.00 ... \$4.50 ... \$4.75 ... \$5.00

SYRINGA VILLOSA Single, rose to pink to white. This species is a native of China and was introduced to the west comparatively late in the 19th Century.

\$2.75 ... \$3.00 ... \$3.25 ... \$3.50 ... \$4.50

Note

Unless a customer specifies otherwise we will substitute a nearly similar lilac where we are for any reason unable to supply the variety ordered.

If the substituted variety is higher in price, no extra charge will be made. If it is lower in price, the necessary refund will be made.

Plants are shipped express collect in sizes above 18", otherwise parcel post prepaid.

We have a few extra fine specimens 6' and taller. Varieties and prices on application.

We recommend the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums' Lilac Survey, "Lilacs for America," as the best reference manual. It can be obtained from us for \$1.00.

DO YOU WONDER WHY ... there is such a difference in price between some varieties of lilacs? The reason is simple, Some varieties are very difficult to root, hence fewer plants. And hence the higher price for these.

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LA LORRAINE Pastel pink

LA PERLE Pink to creamy white

LA TULIPE Flesh pink

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Deep crimson, Japanese type single

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MONS. JULES ELIE Bright pink

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